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March 2017 Events Calendar

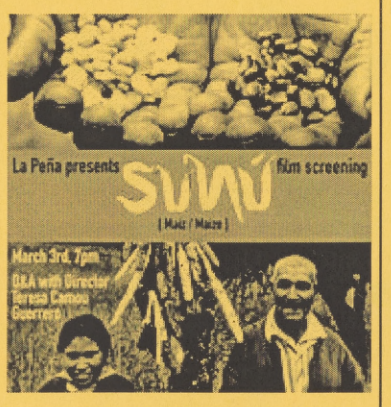
About La Peña

La Peña was started in 1975 by Latin Americans and U.S. allies as a creative response to the September 11, 1973 coup in Chile. Today our focus is on supporting new 21st century cohorts of leaders in arts activism in one of the nation's most racially and ethnically diverse areas.

Check the back of this calendar for a schedule of classes!

Donations Needed

La Peña is a not-for-profit organization and relies on the people's support. If you would like to make a donation to La Peña, please visit: Lapena.org/donate You may also make cash donations in person or in the donation box located in the theater. Or send checks to 3105 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, CA 94705

Mon-Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	9 **Empowering Women of Color Artist Showcase and Open Mic Night** Celebrate Womxn of Color Talent! The 32nd Annual Empowering Women of Color Conference will be hosting a special 'Open Mic Night and Artist Showcase' which features and provides space for performances celebrating the voices of womxn of color. All proceeds will be donated to Access Women's Health Justice. March 9 at 7pm-10pm $5-$10 Suggested Donations	**10** **Foreign Policy Discussion With Former CIA Analyst Ray McGovern** Former CIA analyst Ray McGovern returns to La Peña for an informal discussion concerning his just-completed trip to Israel and Palestine, the situation in Syria and other current foreign policy issues. Ray served as a CIA analyst from 1963-1990 and has become a major dissident voice regarding U.S. foreign policy March 10 at 7:30pm-9pm $5-$10 Suggested Donations	**11** **Celebrating Mujeres Boricuas with Taina Asili & Aguacero** Taina Asili and Aguacero come together for a powerful night at La Peña Cultural Arts Center! New York based singer Taina Asili is a Puerto Rican singer inspiring audiences with her Afro-Latin, Reggae, Rock fusion. Aguacero captivates with her dynamic Puerto Rican bomba music and dance ensemble. March 11 at 7:30pm-10pm $15 Advance / $20 Door	**3** **Sunú Film Screening** Join director Teresa Camou for a special screening of her critically acclaimed documentary film about Sunú (corn) in Mexico! Sunú is a captivating immersion into the hearts and fields of Mexican farmers who refuse to give up indigenous agriculture, despite immense external pressure, such as climate change and a government that has little interest in its rural populations. March 3 at 7pm-9:30pm $8 Advance / $10 Door 	**5** **Cuban Rumba Jam** 1st and 3rd Sundays! A Folkloric Afro-Cuban rhythm & dance jam that has been going strong at La Peña for the past 12 years. Bring your own percussive instrument, or come sing & dance! March 5 at 3pm-5pm FREE / Donations
15 **Food First Meeting – Food Justice Community** Food First meets every third Wednesday of the month and envisions a world in which all people have access to healthy, ecologically produced, and culturally appropriate food. They support activists, social movements, and alliances working for systemic change. Wed. March 15 at 6:30pm-8pm FREE / Donations		**17** **Son Jarocho Fandango** Special St. Patrick's Day Fandango! Enjoy a lively evening of son jarocho music and dance - a musical tradition from Veracruz, Mexico. Bring your dance shoes and instruments to join in on the jam session, or just come and enjoy the music and enjoy dinner or drinks at Los Cilantros! Son Jarocho classes are available Wednesdays - more info on back. Friday, March 17 at 8pm-11pm FREE / Donations	**18** **Empowering Women Of Color Conference Closing Celebration Party!** This is the official after-party for the 32nd Annual Empowering Womxn of Color Conference at UC Berkeley! This is a gathering to celebrate Womxn of Color and all of our glory!! All humxns welcome! Vendors, Food, Drank! All of the night's proceeds go to ACCESS: Women's Health Justice. March 18 at 9pm $5 Suggested Donation	**19** **Cuban Rumba Jam** 1st and 3rd Sundays! A Folkloric Afro-Cuban rhythm & dance jam that has been going strong at La Peña for the past 12 years. Bring your own percussive instrument, or come sing & dance! Rumba began in rural Cuba, and is a blend of African drumming, singing as well as Spanish poetry & vocals. March 19 at 3pm-5pm FREE / Donations
20-22 Weekly Classes **Salsa Class** - Mon. at 8pm **Yoga Class** - Tues. at 10:30am **Kizomba Class** - Tues. at 7pm **Son Jarocho Class** - Wed. at 7pm	**23** Weekly Classes **Bomba y Plena for Kids** Thursdays at 4pm. Puerto Rican Dance, Percussion, and Song. *More info on the back of this calendar.*	**24** Weekly Classes **Rockin' Kids Sing-Along** Fridays at 10:30am. Stephanie plays acoustic guitar and leads families in singing, dancing, music making and fun/chaos. *More info on the back of this calendar.* 	**25** Weekly Classes **Capoeira Angola Class** Tuesdays at 7pm and Saturdays at 2pm. A martial art and ritual combat dance, that is one of the major expressions of an African, specifically Kongo-Angolan, continuum in Brazil. *More info on the back of this calendar.* 	**25** Weekly Classes **Bilingual Circle Time w/ Mariela** Sundays at 10:30am. Traditional folk songs & tales based on cultural traditions. *More info on the back of this calendar.*
27 **Salsa Party with Orchestra La Peña** Every last Monday of the month, the Josh Jones Orchestra brings the raw power of classic salsa favorites to La Peña's stage. Live Live Salsa Music 9pm-11:30pm.. Monday, March 27, 8pm-11:30pm $5 Door (cash only) 				**30** Featured Class **Adult Bomba y Plena** Sundays at 1pm. Puerto Rican Dance, Percussion, and Song. *More info on the back of this calendar.* www.lapena.org

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March 2017 - CLASSES SCHEDULE

Adult Classes

MONDAYS:

Beginners Salsa Dancing Lessons 8pm-9:30pm, $5/class for students, or $7-$10/class Sliding Scale for non-students per 1.5 hr class. Instructor: Shu-Jon mao.shujon@gmail.com

Orchestra La Peña - Latin Jazz Ensemble Class for vocalists and instrumentalists 8:30-10:30pm $15/class. Instructor: Josh Jones joshjonesdrums@yahoo.com

TUESDAYS:

Mindfulness Meditation Yoga 10:30am-11:45am, FREE. Drop-ins welcome. Instructor: Jordanna Glueckauf j-glueckauf@u.northwestern.edu

Capoeira Angola Brazilian martial arts, dance and music 7pm-9pm, $10/class. Instructor: Sergio Bitencourt sergiobitencourt81@gmail.com

Kizomba Dance 7pm-10pm, $15/class, or $10 w/ student ID. Drop-ins welcome. Instructors: Christopher and David Epperson thebrotherskizomba@gmail.com

La Peña Community Chorus 8pm-10pm. Directors: Lichi Fuentes and Jan Thyer. By audition only: www.lapenachorus.org

WEDNESDAYS:

Son Jarocho: Zapateado, Versada, and Jarana 7:30pm-9:30pm, $15-$20/class. Instructor: Maria de la Rosa mariadlr4@gmail.com

Blues Dance with Sundown Blues 7pm-11:55am (Intermediate class at 7pm-8pm, Drop-in beginner class at 8pm-9pm, & Social dance at 9pm-12am), $6-$16/class Sliding Scale. Director: Victor Lane this.is.victor@gmail.com

SATURDAYS:

Adult Afro-Peruvian Dance & Cajon Beginners Dance: 10am-11am Cajon: 11am-12pm, Advance Dance: 12pm-1pm $15/class, $50/month. Instructors: Gabriela Shiroma & Peta Robles Gabriela.Shiroma@edd.ca.gov

Capoeira Angola Brazilian martial arts, dance and music 2pm-4pm, $10/class. Instructor: Sergio Bitencourt sergiobitencourt81@gmail.com

SUNDAYS:

Bomba y Plena Workshop: Dance, Percussion, & Song
1pm-3pm, $15/class. All levels and Drop-ins welcome. Instructors: Shefali Shah & Hector Lugo bombaaguacero@gmail.com

Beginning Salsa Dance Class, Mondays

Capoeira Angola, Tuesdays & Saturdays

Children Classes

MONDAYS:

Beginning & Intermediate Vocals for Kids 6pm-7:15pm, $10/class. Ages 10+. Instructor: Gail Dobson galeygrl@earthlink.net

WEDNESDAYS:

Español con Arte 3:30-5:30pm. $13 per hour, $25 for 2 hours. Ages 6+. Instructor: Juliana Romano jromano131@gmail.com

THURSDAYS:

Bomba y Plena Workshop - Puerto Rican Dance, Percussion & Song 4pm-6pm, $12 drop-in, $10 full trimester. All Youth. Instructors: Hector Lugo & Shefali Shah bombaaguacero@gmail.com

FRIDAYS:

Rockin' Kids Sing-Along 10:30am-11:30am, $10-$20/class Sliding Scale. Drop-ins welcome. Instructor: Stephanie Pepitone stephaniepepitone@gmail.com

SATURDAYS:

Children Afro-Peruvian Dance & Cajon Cajon: 10am-11am , $15/class, $50/month. Instructors: Gabriela Shiroma & Peta Robles Gabriela.Shiroma@edd.ca.gov

SUNDAYS:

Kids Club with Mariela Bilingual Music Time Circle for Children 10:30am-11:15am, $10/class or $15/family. Instructor: Mariela Herrera mariela.arts@gmail.com

Rockin' Kids Sing-Alongs, Fridays

Español con Arte, Wednesdays

Children's Bomba y Plena, Thursdays

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